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at HONGKONG, on the 24th day of February,
1898, at 12.30 of the Clock in the After-
noon, to receive a Statement of Accounts to
the 31st December, 1897, and the Report
of the General Managers, and to elect a
Consulting Committee and Auditor.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-
pany will be CLOSED from the 14th to the
28th February, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
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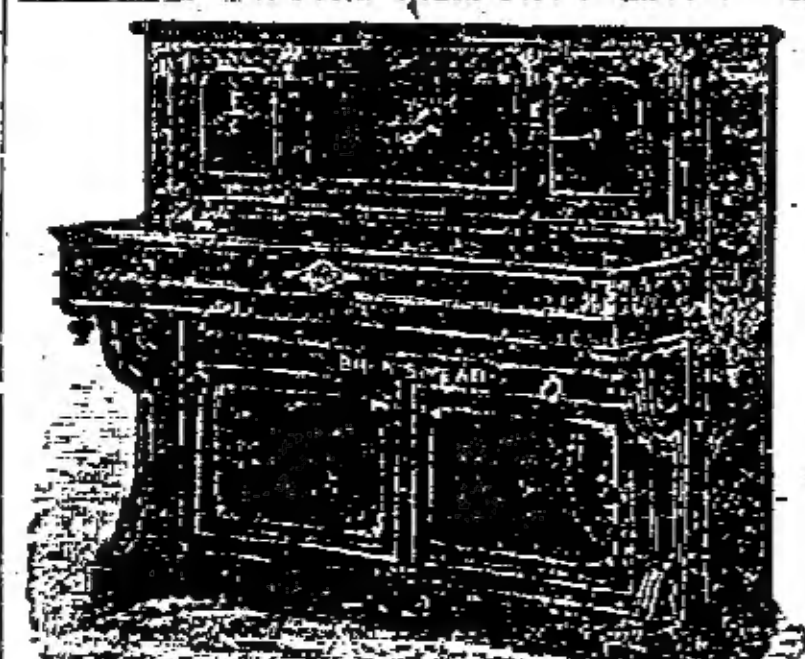
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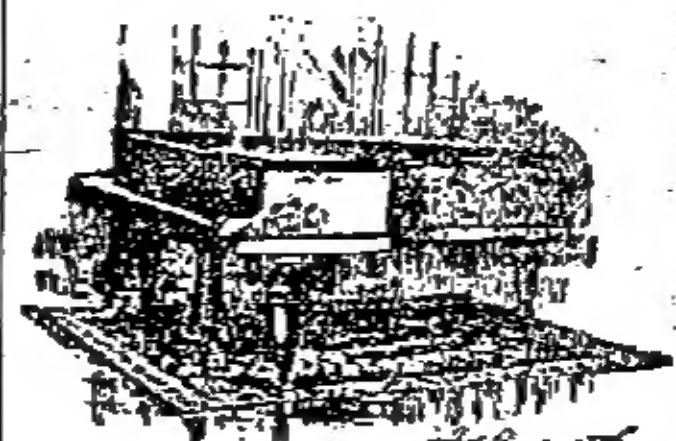
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HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACE MEETING, 1898.

TO-MORROW (TUESDAY) WEDNES-

DAY, and THURSDAY,

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TICKETS of ADMIS-ION to the GRAND

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Tickets for the Day may be purchased at

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No one admitted without a Ticket, to be

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Hongkong, February 14, 1898.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE STEWARDS request the presence

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GRAND STAND and ENCLOSURE during

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Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, February 14, 1898.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

NO SERVANTS will be allowed inside

the ENCLOSURE of the RACECOURSE

The Russian cruiser *Boris*, which entered the Sea Canal on the 15th Jan., bound for China, has on board the Grand Duke Cyril.

H.M.S. *Alacrity* and *Humber* arrived from Tientsin (Chusan) this morning. The *Alacrity* had on board Vice-Admiral Sir A. Buller and staff.

The *L. and O. Express* states Sir Henry Blake will take up the Governorship of Hongkong in March, but this, we believe, is incorrect.

The question of the re-enactment of the C.D.O. in the Straits and Hongkong has not yet been decided. It is still under the consideration of the Colonial Office.

Last night, the men of H.M.S. *Powerful* gave the weekly entertainment, in connection with the Siam Mission, in the Kowloon Institute. The programme, a long and most interesting one, was greatly appreciated by the large audience, which showed its appreciation by numerous encores. There were 140 seamen from the men-of-war and merchant ships, besides numerous soldiers and civilians present, the largest audience yet at any of the weekly entertainments. The mission launch *Daypring* was busy till nearly 11.30 p.m. returning the men to their ships.

The *Inverness Courier* of the 7th January contains our report of the St. Andrew's Ball, and also a long letter entitled 'Hongkong and the China Question' which we hope to reproduce to-morrow. The letter is addressed to the Editor by 'An Old Resident,' and deals with 'The Back Door' (published in the *China Mail*) and the defence of the Colony. 'Inverness is a far cry from London and the Imperial Executive, but letters like 'An Old Resident's' will go far to educate public opinion in the old country and give the people an idea of the importance of the British interests involved in 'The China Question.' It is unfortunate that the Kowloon Peninsula is referred to throughout as 'Houzon.' 'Old Resident's' letter has probably been type written. As a coast port correspondent says 'We never know how badly we spell until we start type-writing!'

REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.

[PUTTLED TO THE 'CHINA MAIL']

LONDON, 14th February, 1898.
RUSSIAN REINFORCEMENTS FOR THE FAR EAST.
The Russian cruiser (7 volunteer) *Tamboy* has left Odessa with 1,000 troops for Vladivostok.

SPAIN AND THE UNITED STATES.
Besides the personal relations on President McKinley, Senator Dole's letter also implied duplicity in the reciprocity negotiations between Spain and the United States. It is now reported that Mr Woodford has been instructed to demand the immediate disavowal of the naval activity (in Spain).

OBITUARY.

The death of Count Kalnoky is announced. Count Gustav Siegmund Kalnoky, says *Mina and Women of the Time*, is descended from the Moravian branch of an old Bohemian family, and was born at Letowitz, in Moravia, in 1832. He entered the diplomatic service in 1850; and, from 1850 to 1870, he was Secretary of Legation at the Austrian Embassy in London. In 1874 he was Minister at Copenhagen; in 1880 he was sent as Ambassador to St. Petersburg; and, in 1881, he was appointed Austro-Hungarian Minister of Foreign Affairs, a post which he held till the present time. He is a strong supporter of the Triple Alliance, and of Austrian influence in Bulgaria. He yearly explains the Austrian anti-Russian policy to the Delegations of the Austrian and Hungarian Parliaments, and his action is yearly approved by them. At the close of 1891 Count Kalnoky, who is a devout Roman Catholic, declared that a 'Roman question' of the Papacy was still open, and lacked solution. This statement caused some excitement in Italy. He also declared against the policy of the Vatican won of late years. The Pope seemed to be too friendly to Russia, and therefore unfriendly to Austria. The Star of the Black Eagle in brilliant was conferred on Count Kalnoky by the late Emperor William in 1888; and, in the same year, the Order of the Annunziata was bestowed upon him by the King of Italy.

THE IRENE IN A GALE.

Capt. R. Schider, of the Kingline liner *Irene* reports having sustained damage in a storm on the 11th inst. The *Irene* left Moji on the 10th inst. at 1.30 p.m. On getting outside the Strait of Shimoda the ship experienced a strong N.W. wind with heavy seas. The wind kept on increasing in strength until noon on the 11th, when it developed into a terrific storm, accompanied by heavy snow and hail squalls. At 10 p.m. the engines had to be reduced to half-speed, and this order was maintained till eight a.m. on the 12th. The storm sails, which had been set, were badly damaged. During the day the ship rolled and laboured heavily, taking on board tremendous seas so that most of the deck fittings were destroyed. The gale reached its highest point between 8.30 N. 128 E. and 33.3 N. and 129 E. Capt. Schider says he never before experienced such terrific weather in this part of the Japanese sea. The *Irene* behaved wonderfully well, and proved herself an excellent craft. The gale moderated at 10 a.m. on the 12th.

WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued from the Observatory:
On the 16th and 17th, the barometer fell over the China coast, and is unchanged in the South. A depression moving Eastwards, between the 20th and 25th of China, and Japan. Gradual clearing in S. China and over the China Sea. Fair weather, with light variable winds, gradually increasing to a gale.

HONGKONG RACE MEETING, 1898.

Stewards:—His Excellency Sir William Robinson, G.C.M.G.; His Excellency Vice-Admiral Sir Alex. Buller, K.C.B.; His Excellency Major-General Wilson Black, C.B.; Commodore S. C. Holland, R.N., A.D.C.; Lieut.-Colonel The O'Gorman, C.B.O.; The Hon. J. J. Bell-Irving, The Hon. O. P. Chater, G.M.G.; D. Gillis, Esq.; R. M. Gray, Esq.; M. G. G. Esq.; C. F. Harton, Esq.; T. Jackson, Esq.; The Hon. F. H. May, C.M.G.; and The Hon. T. H. Whitehead.
Clerks of Scales:—Lieut.-Col. The O'Gorman, and C. F. Harton, Esq.
Judges:—Hon. C. F. Chater, and Hon. F. H. May.
Starter:—M. Grotz, Esq.
2nd Starter:—D. Lindsay, Esq.
Hon. Treasurer:—A. Coutts, Esq.
Clerk of the Course:—T. F. Hough, Esq.

SECOND DAY—Wednesday, Feb. 16.

The weather was somewhat threatening in the morning, a thick mist and dark threatening clouds hanging about the Colony. As the forenoon advanced, the mist cleared away, and the sun vainly endeavoured to force his way through the clouds. It ultimately settled down to hot clammy weather, characteristic of a Hongkong summer. There was, if anything, a larger attendance of ladies and gentlemen in the paddock, and there appeared to be a greater assemblage of Chinese round the rails. For some reason or other the display of white hats and frock coats was wanting today, but the pretty dresses of the ladies and the large array of racing colours made a very pretty picture. The fields were slightly smaller than the abnormally large fields of the previous day, but the interest was in no way lessened, great enthusiasm being occasioned by the exceedingly close finishes to a great number of the races. It was the prevailing opinion that the racing was of a more interesting character than it has been for several meetings. The ponies in most of the events were very evenly matched, and there were several surprise finishes during the day.

A rather unfortunate occurrence took place at the close of the race for the Garrison Cup, when Mr H. Sampson, who was riding Mr David's *Statesman*, made a charge against Mr Master of foul riding. The Stewards over-ruled the complaint.

The following are the results:—

1.—THE SWEET STAKES: a sweepstakes of \$10 each; for China ponies *bona fide* griffins on date of entry; weight for inches as per scale; winners 7 lbs. extra. One mile.

Mr Darius Undaunted (Mr Master), 10.12 1
Mr Boyd's *Rookwood* (Mr Burkill), 11.7 2
Mr Buxey's *Tube Rose* (Mr Willeumier), 11.7 3
Mr David's *Radio* (Mr Sampson), 11.1 0
Mr Dennis's *The Unknown* (Mr Davies), 10.12 0
Mr Dryadus's *Outpost* (Mr Marshall), 11.1 0

Mr Hart Buck's *Oliver* (Owner), 10.12 0
Messrs McKie & Gove's *Becktree*, 11.1 0
The ponies had a couple of false starts just on gunfire, and about a minute after twelve o'clock got away to a capital start. *Rubio* in front, followed by *Oliver*, *Rookwood*, *Unknown* and *Outpost*. Going towards the bridge the ponies were going at a good pace, and *Oliver* was making the running a couple of lengths ahead from *Rubio*, *Unknown* third, and *Undaunted* fourth. *Tube Rose* got up to *Undaunted* going up the hill, and *Outpost* was a long way behind. The ponies were close together going downhill, *Oliver* still leading. *Undaunted* came up, and entering the straight was abreast of *Oliver*, and a capital race home took place between *Undaunted*, *Rookwood* and *Tube Rose*, *Master* riding hard for first place, which he secured by a length. *Tube Rose* and *Rookwood* tied for second place. Time—2.07.

2.—THE EXCHANGE PLATE: presented by the bankers and exchange brokers of Hongkong; second pony to receive \$50; for China ponies; weight for inches as per scale; winners 7 lbs. extra; extra allowance 5 lbs. winners at this meeting 5 lbs. extra; entrance \$10. One mile and three quarters.

Mr Hopeful's *Yenisei* (Mr W. Cox), 11.4 1
Mr Dryadus's *Sublet* (Mr Marshall), 11.0 2
Mr John Peel's *Mitri* (Mr Master), 11.0 3

At the start *Mitri* was behind. Time went away immediately with *Sublet* close at his heels, and these ponies were racing together at the bridge. Going downhill, however, *Yenisei* drew away in the front, and continued to increase his lead all the way round, and won very easily from *Sublet*, *Mitri* a long way behind. Time—3.48.

3.—THE GARIBOLDI CUP: presented by the officers of the Garrison; second pony to receive \$50; for China ponies *bona fide* griffins on date of entry; weight for inches as per scale; winners 7 lbs. extra; entrance \$10. One mile and a quarter.

Mr John Peel's *Queensberry*, 11.1 1
Mr Hopeful's *Yenisei* (Mr W. Cox), 11.1 2
Mr Buxey's *Tube Rose* (Mr Willeumier), 11.1 3
Mr Bobjack's *Solitaire* (Mr P. A. Cox), 10.12 0
Mr Carruthers's *Honest Indian*, 10.12 0
Mr David's *Statesman* (Mr Sampson), 11.4 0
Mr Derick-Hunter's *Fortinbras*, 11.4 0

To a good start, *Honest Indian* had a slight lead in front of *Solitaire* and *Yenisei*, but on coming into the straight the ponies were in a bunch. Passing the Grand Stand, *Honest Indian* was leading by four lengths, followed by *Queensberry* and *Tube Rose*. *Honest Indian's* lead was decreased to two lengths at the plantation, *Solitaire* taking second place. *Yenisei* came away going up hill, and shot ahead of everybody, leading by half-length past the Rock. Just before entering the straight *Queensberry*, *Yenisei*, *Tube Rose* and *Queensberry* were abreast, and a magnificent race home took place between these ponies. *Queensberry* flying by only a short head from *Yenisei*, the latter being second.

4.—THE GERMAN CUP: presented by members of the German Club; second pony to receive half the entrance fees; for subscription griffins of this season, 1897-98; weight for inches as per scale; entrance \$10. One mile and a quarter.

Messrs McKie and Gove's *Becktree*, 10.12 1
The *Neighbours' Landknecht* (Mr Burkill), 10.12 2
Mr Derick-Hunter's *German* (Mr Master), 10.12 3
Mr Bobjack's *Chaffinch* (Mr P. A. Cox), 10.12 0
Mr Derick-Hunter's *Prior's Wood* (Capt. Loveband), 10.9 0
Mr George's *Melito* (Mr Cruckshank), 10.9 0
Mr Hart Buck's *Ingelby* (Owner), 10.9 0
Mr Jay's *Men Siecht* (Mr Sampson), 10.12 0

A rather poor start was effected, *Landknecht* showing prominently, and *German* and *Prior's Wood* also coming away from the others. Going towards the bridge, *Becktree*, *Chaffinch*, *German* and *Men Siecht* were the order, *Landknecht* being a long way behind. Towards the hill several changes in position took place, *Melito* coming forward at the Rock, and almost caught up *German*, *B. Chaffinch* being third. Going downhill *German* had an advantage of three lengths from *Melito*, and when passing the village *Derick-Hunter* came to the front, followed by *Landknecht*. On entering the straight *Becktree*, *Landknecht*, *Melito* and *German* were leading, and a stiff race resulted in a win for *Becktree* by a head from *Landknecht*, *German* third, and *Melito* fourth a few lengths behind. Time—2.43.

5.—THE NAVY CUP: presented by officers of H.M. fleet; second pony to receive half the entrance fees; for China ponies; weight for inches as per scale; winners 7 lbs. extra; previous non-winners to carry 12 lb. extra; entrance \$10. One mile and a quarter.

Mr Buxey's *White Rose*, 11.8 1
Messrs McKie and Gove's *Becktree*, 11.8 2
Mr John Peel's *Red Fish* (Mr Master), 11.1 3
Mr Dennis's *Guiding Star* (Mr P. A. Cox), 11.1 0
Mr Woodford's *Desperation* (Capt. Burney), 11.1 0

Guiding Star and *Desperation* were first away, and soon obtained a long lead from *Red Fish*. Passing the Grand Stand, *Guiding Star* and *Desperation* were leading by a good half-dozen lengths, and *White Rose* was fourth two lengths behind *Red Fish*, *Becktree* being last. At the bridge *Guiding Star* was going strong two lengths in advance, *Desperation*, falling back, and *Red Fish* coming up, and taking second position on breasting the hill. Up the hill *Red Fish* put on a splendid spurt, and gained on *Guiding Star*. *Desperation* had by this time fallen behind the other ponies. *White Rose* was third, and *Becktree* fourth. The four leading ponies came abreast shortly after entering the straight, and *White Rose* came away at the Grand Stand, and *Becktree* made a grand effort to overtake him, but *White Rose* won a few rods two lengths ahead. *Red Fish* being three lengths behind, *Guiding Star* fourth, and *Desperation* out of it. Time—2.38.

6.—THE JOCKEY CUP: value \$150; for subscription ponies of any season, winners excluded; to be ridden by jockeys who have not had more than two winning mounts previous to this meeting in Hongkong or China; non-winners allowed 5 lbs.; winners of one race, weight for inches as per scale; winners of two races 5 lbs. extra; entrance \$5. One mile.

Mr Medley's *Healer* (Capt. Loveband), 10.9 1
Mr G. H. Potts's *Whitbread* (Capt. Burney), 10.10 2
Mr G. H. Potts's *Whitbread* (Capt. Burney), 10.10 3
Mr M. Leong's *Glaner* (Baron Fay), 10.7 0
Mr John Peel's *Jockwood* (Mr P. A. Cox), 10.7 0
Mr John Peel's *Cricket* (Mr P. A. Cox), 10.7 0
Mr Tabor's *Honest John* (Mr Gedge), 11.1 0

A good start was made, and then *Healer* launched out a length ahead of *Honest John*, with *Cricket* and *Glaner* third and fourth. The order was processionary for some distance, and then *Cricket* got quite close up to *Honest John*, and these two lessened the distance from *Healer*, having *Glaner* in close attendance. Going up hill *Glaner* passed *Honest John*, and took third place, while *White Heather* came up behind. *Cricket* was now first, *Healer* second, and *Glaner* third. Down the straight *Whitbread* came up, and a close race finished with *Healer* a neck in front of *White Heather*, *Whitbread* being close up third; *Cricket* fourth four lengths behind. Time—2.18.

7.—THE TAYLOR STAKES: a sweepstakes of 50 each with \$100 added; for China ponies; weight for inches as per scale; subscription ponies of any season non-winners allowed 7 lbs.; subscription ponies of any season winners allowed 5 lbs.; previous winners at this meeting 7 lbs. extra. Three quarters of a mile.

Mr John Peel's *Kenneth* (Mr Master), 11.1 1
Mr Darius Undaunted (Mr Willeumier), 11.5 2
Mr Dryadus's *Bidehigh* (Mr Marshall), 11.5 3
Mr G. H. Potts's *Tocsin* (Mr Burney), 10.12 3
Mr John Peel's *Silver Bell* (Mr Cruckshank), 11.2 0
Mr Edgar's *Castnet* (Mr Bucknell), 11.5 0
Mr Dryadus's *Proctor Marshall* (Baron Fay), 11.1 0
Mr Hart Buck's *Oliver* (Owner), 10.12 0
Mr Hopeful's *Orinoco* (Mr W. Cox), 10.12 0
Mr Linton's *Slender* (Mr P. A. Cox), 10.9 0
Mr Edgar's *Tantivy* (Capt. Loveband), 11.1 0
Mr Boyd's *DunBane* (Mr Burkill), 11.1 0

There was considerable delay at the starting post, and a rather scrambling start was made, *Tocsin* being overtaken by *Oliver* and *Kenneth* in an endeavour to make the pace. The race was a very fast one, and the finish was one of the most exciting of the meeting. *Undaunted* closely followed *Kenneth* for first place. *Kenneth* won by about a neck. *Bidehigh* third in some distance. Time—1.58.

8.—THE TAT YUK FONG CUP: value \$300; presented; second pony to receive \$50; for China ponies *bona fide* griffins on date of entry; subscription griffins weight for inches as per scale, other griffins 7 lbs. extra; previous winners 5 lbs. extra; entrance \$10. One mile and a half.

Mr John Peel's *Digby Grand* (Mr Master), 11.8 1
Mr Buxey's *Hedge Rose* (Mr W. Cox), 11.1 2
Mr Dennis's *The Unknown* (Mr Davies), 11.5 3
Mr Bobjack's *Solitaire* (Mr P. A. Cox), 11.1 0
Mr Buxey's *Bl. & Eagle* (Mr Willeumier), 11.1 0
Mr David's *Statesman* (Mr Sampson), 11.1 0
Mr Dryadus's *Proctor Marshall* (Baron Fay), 11.1 0
Mr J. M. D.'s *Plum* (Mr Marshall), 11.1 0
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At the start *Statesman* went to the front, followed by *Plum*. *Red Rose* extended himself going up the hill, and passed the other ponies on the outside, securing a lead of a length, the *Becktree* following. *Plum* had increased his lead to four lengths from *Statesman*. On again breasting the hill *Plum*, *Hedge Rose* and *Statesman* were close up to *Red Rose*, and gradually overtook him, just before entering the straight *Statesman* coming away and taking the lead. Mr Master, who had evidently been recurring *Digby Grand* for the last, urged him forward, and *Hedge Rose* followed close. *Digby Grand* was an easy winner, about five lengths ahead of *Hedge Rose*. *The Unknown* being third two lengths behind. Time—3.17.

9.—THE PROFESSIONAL CUP: presented; second pony to receive half the entrance fees; for China ponies; weight for inches as per scale; previous winners at this meeting of one race 5 lbs. extra; of two or more races, 10 lbs. extra; previous non-winners to carry 12 lb. extra; entrance \$10. One mile and a half.

Mr John Peel's *Pineapple*, 10.9 1
Mr Hopeful's *Orinoco* (Mr W. Cox), 11.12 2
Mr H. W.'s *Dogwood* (Mr Cruckshank), 10.12 3
Mr Derick-Hunter's *Bl. Fire* (Mr Burkill), 11.1 0
Mr Buxey's *Bl. & Eagle* (Mr Willeumier), 11.1 0
Messrs McKie and Gove's *Glaner* (Mr Cruckshank), 11.1 0

Orinoco did the running all through this race. Passing the Grand Stand for the first time, the order was—*Orinoco*, *Dogwood*, *Pineapple* and *Bl. Fire*. After passing the bridge, *Glaner* took fourth place, and *Dogwood* reduced *Orinoco's* lead, and the two ponies were close together to the straight, when *Pineapple* overtook *Dogwood*, and *Orinoco* was almost abreast. A fine race down the straight resulted in a win for *Pineapple* by two lengths from *Orinoco*, one and a half lengths separating second and third; *Bl. Eagle* fourth. Time—3.16.

10.—THE GYMNASIA STAKES: value \$150; presented by the Gymnasia Committee; added to a sweepstakes of \$5 each; for subscription ponies of any season; winners excluded; previous non-winners excluded first pony to receive 70 per cent; second, 20 per cent; third, 10 per cent; weight for inches as per scale. One mile.

Mr Derick-Hunter's *German* (Mr Master), 10.6 1
Messrs Paul and Joe's *Sprightly* (Mr W. Cox), 11.1 2
Mr Buxey's *Golden Link* (Mr Willeumier), 11.1 3
Mr David's *Sunlight* (Mr Sampson), 10.12 0
Mr Hart Buck's *Ingelby* (Owner), 10.12 0
Mr Derick-Hunter's *Sheldrake* (Mr Cruckshank), 10.12 0
Messrs McKie and Gove's *Becktree* (Mr Cruckshank), 10.9 0
Messrs McKie and Gove's *Becktree* (Mr Cruckshank), 10.9 0
Mr Jay's *Man Siecht* (Mr Burkill), 10.12 0

The large field got off to a very good start, and it was evident at the very outset that *German* had the race in hand. *Sprightly*, however, gamely followed, but *German*, who was easily ridden, won by about a length. *Golden Link* third. Time—2.14.

'TIPS' FOR TO-MORROW.
'The Lark' sends us the following probabilities:—

GRAND STAKES STAKES:—
Rookwood 1
Undaunted 2
Queensberry 3

CIVIL SERVICE PURSE:—
Landknecht (if starts) 1
White Heather 2
Sprightly 3

CHALLENGE CUP:—
White Heather (if starts) 1
John Peel's Stable 2
Hopeful's Stable 3

LADIES' PURSE:—
Buxey's Stable 1
Dryadus's Stable 2
Vevey 3

ROBINSON CHALLENGE:—
Landknecht 1
Melito 2
Plum 3

PANZER CUP:—
Guiding Star 1
Glaner 2
Solitaire 3

FRATERNITY STAKES:—
John Peel's stable 1
Honest Indian 2
Undaunted 3

CONSOLATION STAKES:—
Bidehigh or *Glaner* 1
Vevey 2
Hopeful's Stable 3

Unless *White Rose* is kept back for this race, *N. DESPERANDU*:—
Derick 1
Sprightly 2
Sprightly 3

HONGKONG BY A SINGAPOREAN.

THE POST OFFICE COMMISSENER.
Chapter XIII of Mr John Dill Ross's contribution to the *Singapore Free Press*, entitled 'From Moscow to Vladivostok,' treats of Hongkong in the following style:—
First impressions of Hongkong are apt to be disappointing, especially if the weather happens to be dull or rainy. The ranges of hills and peaks are certainly imposing, but they have a barren, threadbare aspect which is not very inviting. As for the city itself, much of it is hidden from view, when seen from the sea, and it presents no very grand appearance. An intelligent but flippant observer, considering Hongkong from the deck of a steamer, once remarked that the place reminded him of the picture of Peak & Frazar's biscuit factory, as exhibited on the walls of the Admiralty. He was, however, not far from the mark. Both these comments are more or less justifiable. Many of the buildings on the sea front are plain even to ugliness. Take the Hongkong Hotel for instance, an enormous pile which looks half prison, half workhouse, and which presents the joyous spectacle of several acres of up-and-down brick walls, pierced at intervals by square holes. This unhappy scheme of architecture has been adopted in the construction of various neighbouring buildings on the sea front, and the general effect is not very attractive to the eye. The good folks of Hongkong are however contented, at a very great expense, an entirely new front to their city; the buildings which are now springing up by the water's edge, on reclaimed ground, bid fair to be very handsome, and when this truly enormous work is completed, Hongkong will no doubt present the grandiose appearance worthy of such an important place.

Hongkong is a city of the most extraordinary place of its size in the world. All the way from the Peak to the sea, there is an irregular stream of buildings, perched higher and higher on any little projection of a sufficient size to allow of something being put up on its surface. On a hill any of the houses of the colony are seen, and in the clouds, to a Dutchman, Hongkong must present an aspect of horror. The worthy Dutchman must think the Englishman mad indeed to live in a place like this, without such a single and in it, with a little more intelligence, he might be inhabiting a nice comfortable swamp, with a great running down the middle of every street.

Nor does the shipping of Hongkong show up in the imposing masses that might be expected. There are certainly numbers of steamers, but the harbour, but there are a great many more at Kowloon and Taku, so that a traveller passing through Singapore on his way to Hongkong, might be tempted to think that the former is the more important port of the colony.

Taken in detail, however, Hongkong soon makes its wealth and importance apparent. The great lofty and buildings, the throngs of busy men in the well-kept streets, and the abundant evidences of the general comfort and luxury of the colony, give it the character of one of the most successful of British colonies. Then again there is a huge Chinese town of wide streets and big buildings, contrasting most strikingly with the miles of mean one-story 'shop houses' representing the native quarter of Singapore.

Among the buildings of Hongkong are very handsome. The 'Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, for instance, is remarkably fine, and it is a pity that the Directors did not have a similar building erected in Singapore, instead of returning to the funds. Twelfth Caks style of architecture which they have actually adopted. The City Hall is another handsome building, while the new Hongkong Club is simply palatial. I believe that Hongkong possesses a particularly magnificent building, the Victoria Theatre, which is a rather foolish Clock Tower, which takes up some valuable space in the busiest part of the town, and there is a wholly superfluous office of Her Majesty the Queen, sitting black and sullen beneath a heathen pagoda on a site facing the sea.

The beauty of the place, instead of being a good deal better, but in practically the heights of Hongkong are so peculiarly 'in the soul,' so to speak; there are endless varieties of rain, fog, and mist to be enjoyed, but there is no such thing as keeping oneself dry, and everything gets into a state of pulp. Nor of the Peak any one who has work to look after to live at such a distance from the town. It was not until I was invited by some hospitable friends to spend a week with them, at a very pretty house midway between the Peak and the town, that I discovered how exceedingly pleasant life in Hongkong can be made.

The next question which I have to bring against Hongkong is the dreadful condition of its Post Office. Here you have a wealthy city, adorned with banks, theatres, churches, clubs, a magnificent jail, and every other luxury which money can procure, but in which the Post Office is a sort of ill-conditioned hole in the wall. I once tried to buy some sets of stamps there. A remarkably ill-groomed Chinaman, inside of a sort of looking office, asked 'You want stamps?' and I said 'Yes.' The man then conveyed me to the next half hour in his own 'jungle,' with a lot of desperately dirty coolies who were infesting the place. These fellows all wanted to get at the hole behind which the Post Office Official was squatting, and began to lean up against me, and generally to shove me about. As I never could abide fuss and things, I had to beat a retreat without my stamps, and never went near the place again. If, as I suppose, the Hongkong Post Office is run by the Chinese Government, it is evident that the money voted for a respectable building and staff, in an usual town by some greedy mandarin, and there will be no remedy to this state of affairs, I fear, until the partition of China actually takes place.

Which is a pity, for Hongkong is a very nice place indeed, and ought to have its own Post Office.

There is also a great deal too much 'weather' about Hongkong to suit most people, and this indeed is a remark which applies very generally to all China and the China Sea. There are far too many typhoons, and monsoons knocking about to be at all pleasant, and in bad weather the heat is something deadly, what time the high skies are sporting boiling water, or what feels like it. The Hongkong houses are not adapted for this kind of weather, and the Singapore man, accustomed to his wide verandahs and great airy rooms, gets every reason to believe that this is an altogether bad place for a harbour in which to anchor, and a matter of life and death.

the typhoon anchorage is no treat. I once spent twenty-four hours there on board of an *Empress* steamer, when it was not considered safe to land the passengers. The big ship tore and jerked at her anchors as if she were bound to get away and become a wreck. Moreover she rolled. All the ports were closed, and saloons and cabins were full of people waiting to be put out of their misery. On deck it rained in cataraacts and blew great gusts, so that I got very tired indeed of counting the number of stacks which adorn Battersea and Swire's sugar refineries, and of falling up against sipping and swearing quartermasters. All this time we could see the Hongkong Hotel and everything else on shore quite distinctly, but there was no getting there. Speaking of the hot months, an *Empress* steamer, now resident in Hongkong, declared that they were simply 'poisonous,' and I think he was pretty near the mark.

Of course there is a bright side to all this, and as I think I have now said all that is needful of the disadvantages of life in Hongkong, nothing remains but the pleasant task of depicting, as best I may, some of the manifold attractions of this really beautiful island.

HONGKONG NOT AN ASYLUM FOR POLITICAL REFUGEES.

DR SUN YAT SEN AGAIN TO THE FORE.
Dr Sun Yat Sen, whose tribulation greatly excited London some time ago, has, according to the honorary secretary of the Friends of China Society, again fallen into the hands of official China. The doctor has been residing at Hongkong, and was recently expelled from the colony by the Government. He says:—The Government of the Crown Colony of Hongkong has banished Sun Yat Sen from that island, and has assumed the right to hand over political offenders to the tender mercy of the Tartar Government of China. This is surely foreign to the spirit in which political offenders seek refuge in Britain, as the laws of the Crown Colony are identical with British laws and acts it would seem that the Hongkong Government has acted unconstitutionally.

This statement however, needs some explanation, and Dr Cantile has supplied it. When Sun travelled to Japan by steamer, his ultimate thought was to go to Formosa. Obviously he could not go to China. It seems that a mysterious Chinaman dogged him from America to Japan. Arrived there Sun placed himself under the protection of the Japanese Government. They, again, delegated a Jap to shadow the mysterious Chinaman. Sun is now in Yokohama—that was the last news from him, and he was very well.

